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MEGA MAN™

PREVIOUSLY...

The Hunt is On!

Recently, Mega Man's greatest enemy – Dr. Wily – was cleared of all criminal charges and wrongdoing. The mad doctor seemed to clean up his act and together he and his life-long rival, Dr. Light, unveiled the new peacekeeping robot, Gamma.

But then eight seemingly rogue Robot Masters struck, stealing the Energy Elements crucial to Gamma's functions. Mega Man has been on the hunt ever since and after an epic battle with the titanic Wily Walker, our hero has finally gotten a lead!



But restoring Gamma could be the biggest mistake that Mega Man will ever make...



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SUPER FIGHTING ROBOT



TOP MAN
ROGUE WILY ROBOT MASTER



SNAKE MAN
ROGUE WILY ROBOT MASTER



DR. WILY
REFORMED(?) MAD SCIENTIST

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Part One: WITH GRACE, WITHOUT FEAR



MEGA MAN TO
GROUND CONTROL!
THE LAUNCH WAS
SUCCESSFUL--

--WHAT A
RUSH!

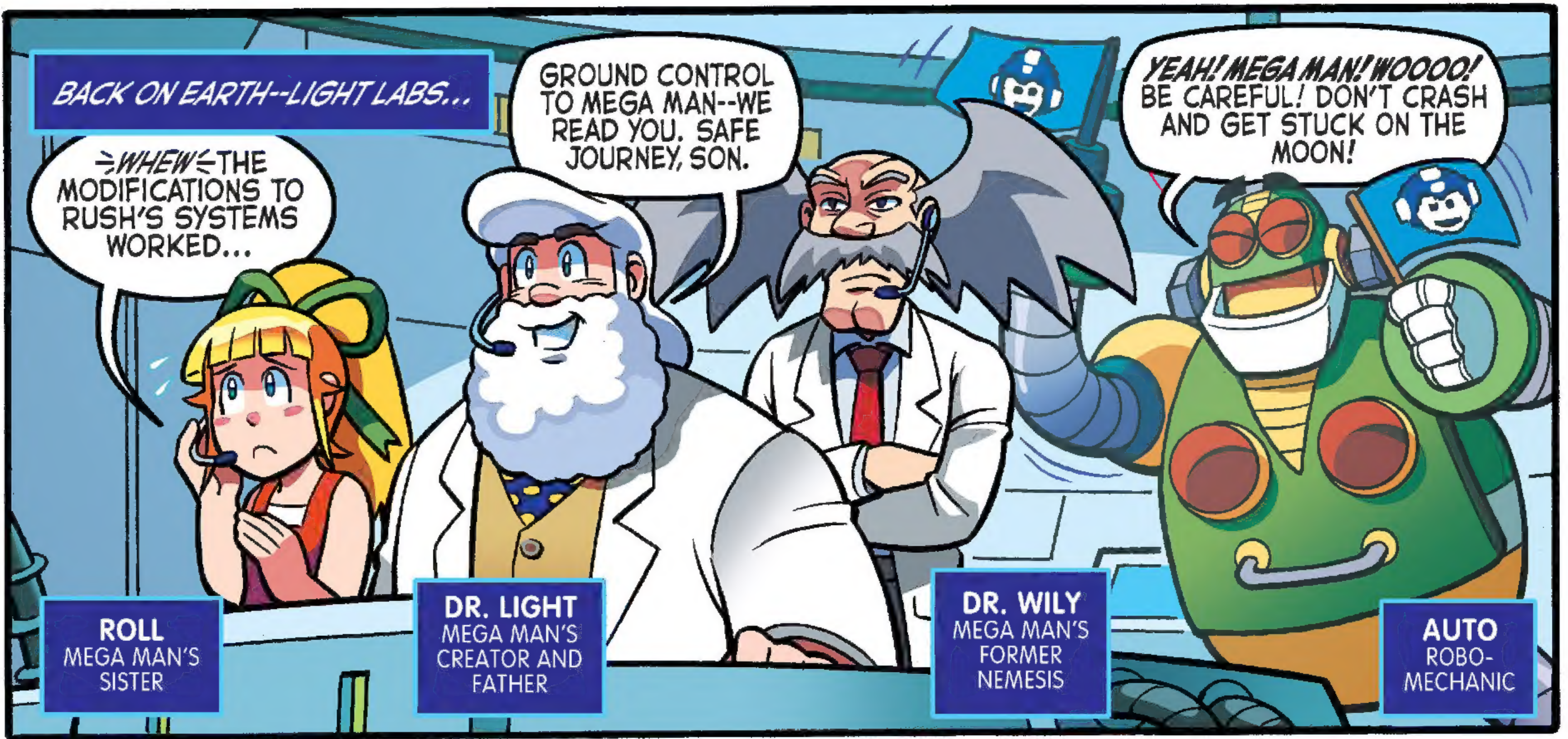
ARF!

HAHA--
YOU KNOW WHAT
I MEAN! WE'RE
EN ROUTE TO THE
FIRST MISSING
ASTEROID
NOW!

MEGA MAN
THE BLUE
BOMBER

RUSH
IN "RUSH
SPACE"
MODE





BACK ON EARTH--LIGHT LABS...

GROUND CONTROL TO MEGA MAN--WE READ YOU. SAFE JOURNEY, SON.

YEAH! MEGA MAN! WOOOO! BE CAREFUL! DON'T CRASH AND GET STUCK ON THE MOON!

⇒WHEW⇐THE MODIFICATIONS TO RUSH'S SYSTEMS WORKED...

ROLL
MEGA MAN'S
SISTER

DR. LIGHT
MEGA MAN'S
CREATOR AND
FATHER

DR. WILY
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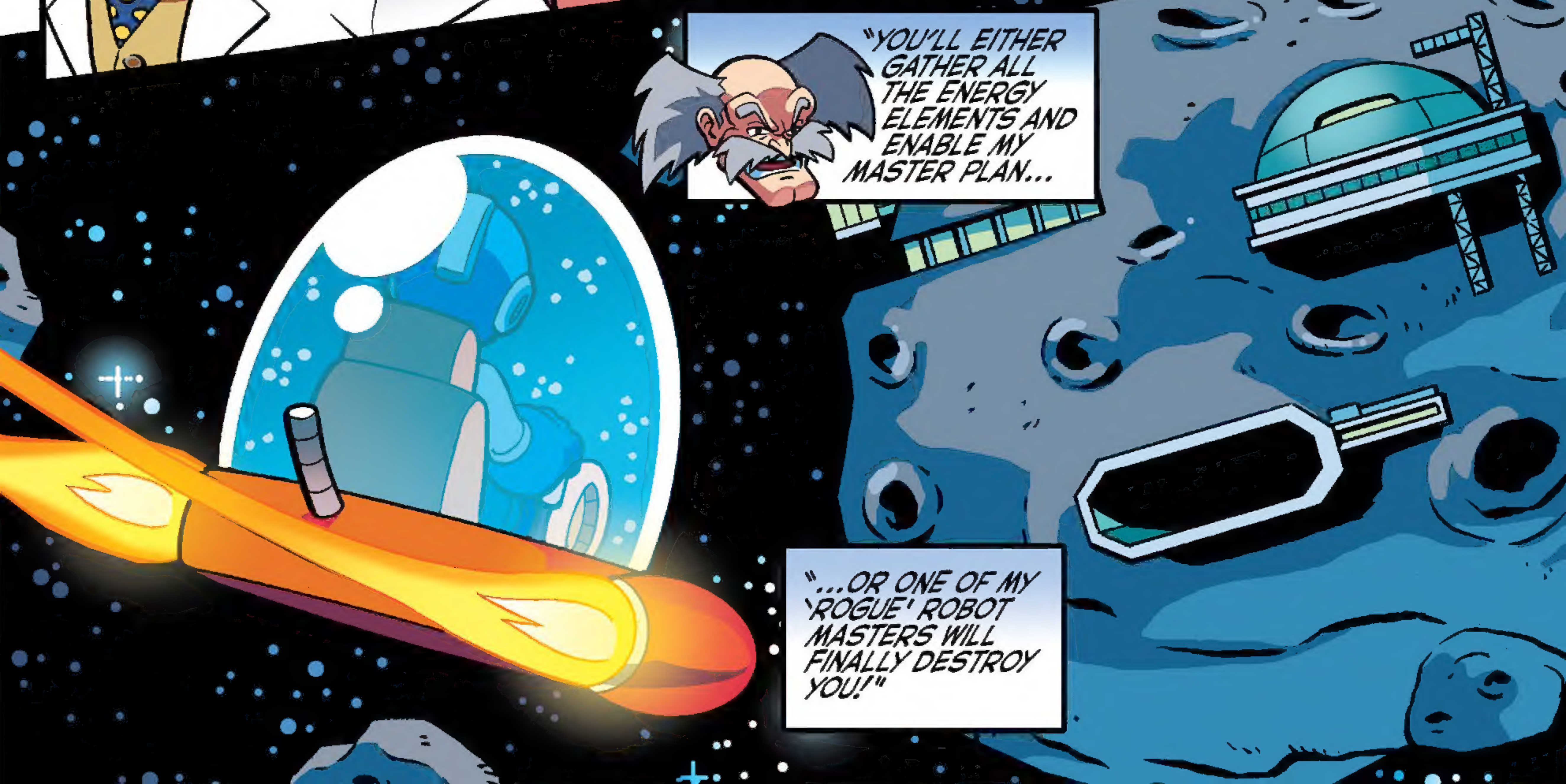
COME-COME--MEGA MAN HAS TRIUMPHED OVER MANY A ROBOT MASTER ALREADY. I'M SURE HE'LL BE FINE.

ALL THE SAME--GOOD LUCK UP THERE, BOY.



OR NOT! THIS WILD ROBO-GOOSE CHASE IS A RISKY GAMBIT!

MY NEW FORTRESS, BREAK MAN'S MISSION, MY OWN PROJECT HERE...IT'LL BE CLOSE EVEN IN THE BEST SCENARIO!



"YOU'LL EITHER GATHER ALL THE ENERGY ELEMENTS AND ENABLE MY MASTER PLAN..."

"...OR ONE OF MY 'ROGUE' ROBOT MASTERS WILL FINALLY DESTROY YOU!"

ABOARD THE
HYDROPONICS
ASTEROID...

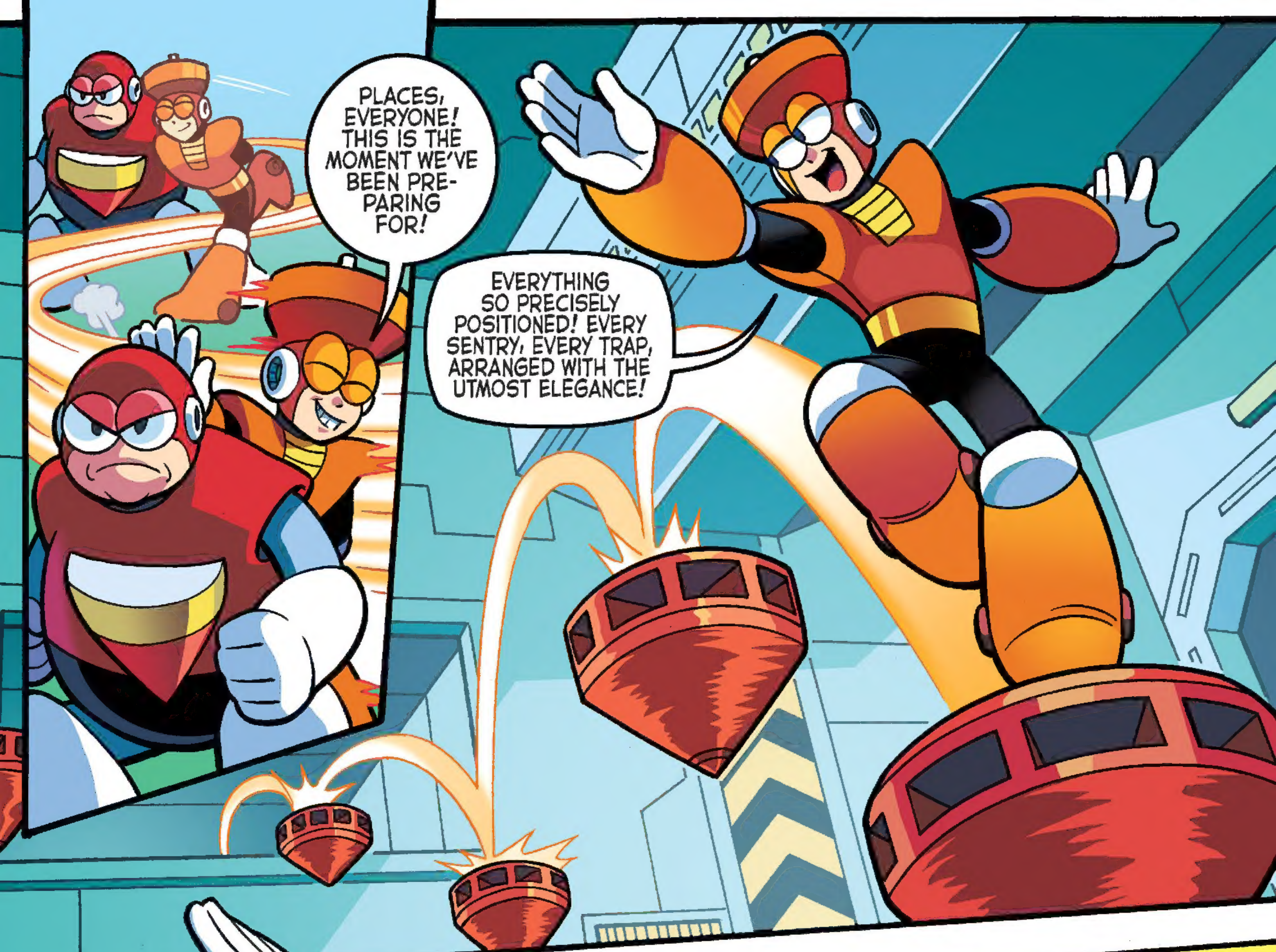
BROO-DEET!
BROO-DEET!

TOP MAN

DWN-021
HIGH-VELOCITY,
GYROSCOPIC-
STABILIZED ROBOT
MASTER

(GREAT AT
PLANNING AHEAD,
BUT SOMETIMES
PUSHES HIS
LUCK...)

AH-HA-HA!
AT LAST! TIME
TO GET THINGS
ROLLING!



PLACES, EVERYONE! THIS IS THE MOMENT WE'VE BEEN PREPARING FOR!

EVERYTHING SO PRECISELY POSITIONED! EVERY SENTRY, EVERY TRAP, ARRANGED WITH THE UTMOST ELEGANCE!

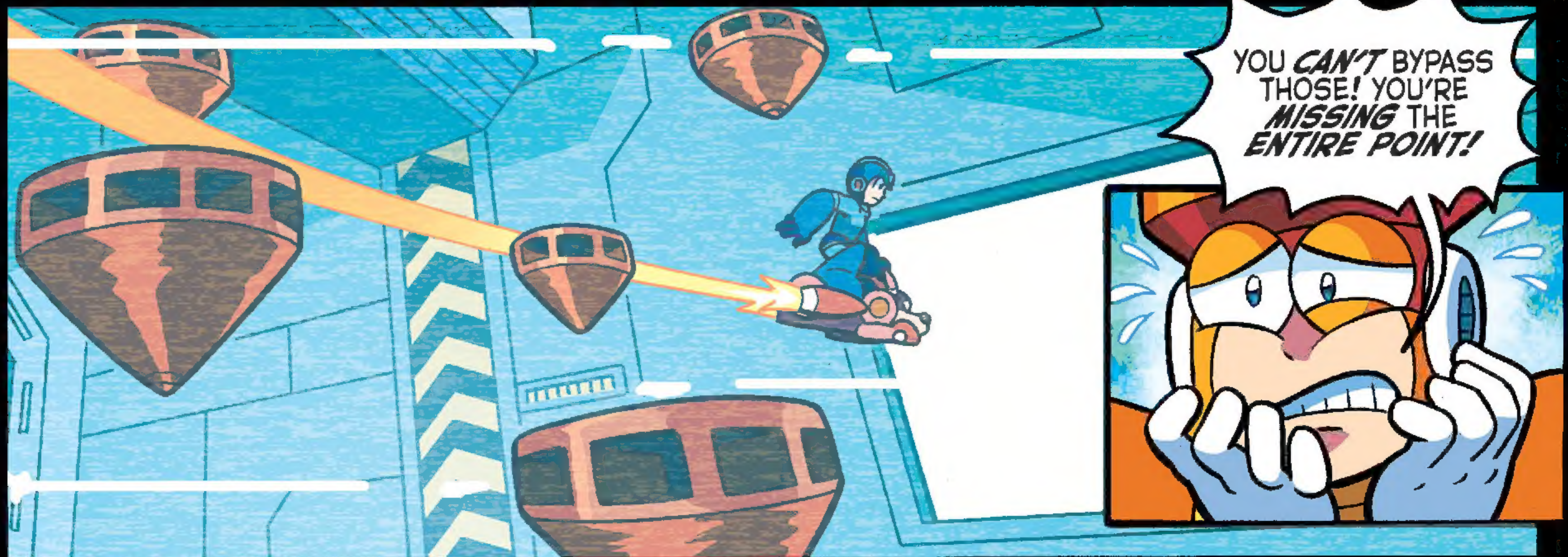
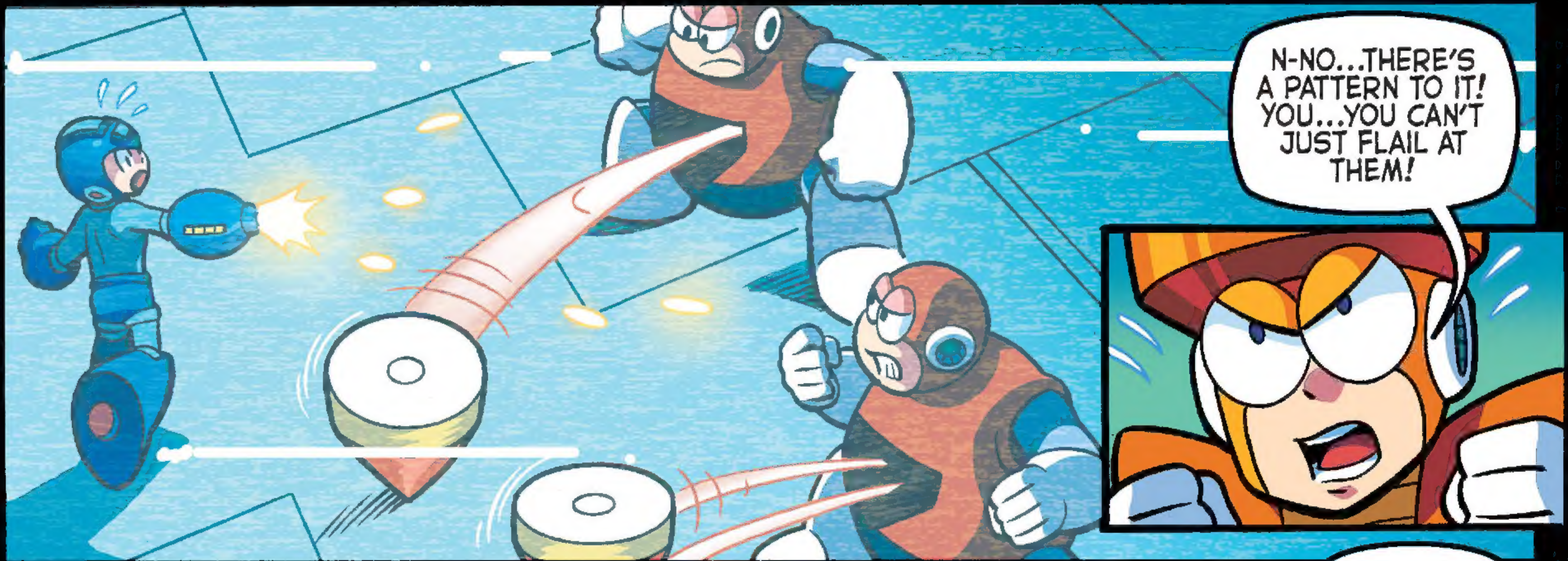
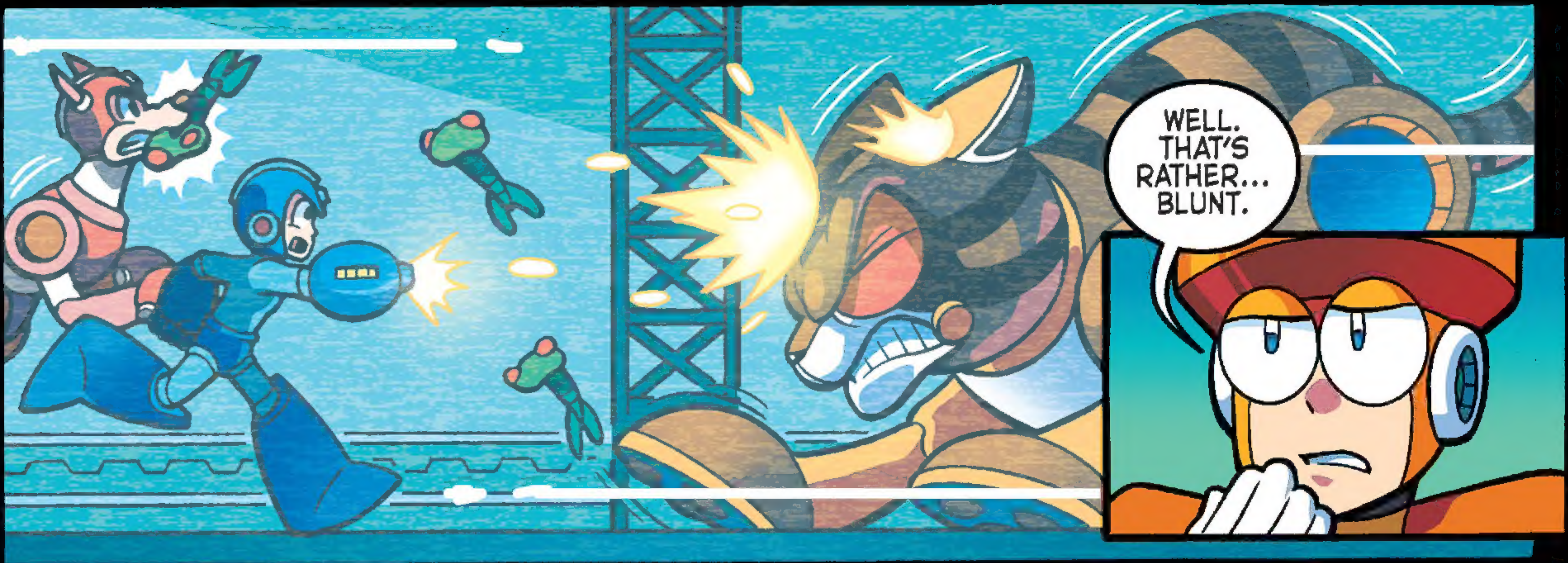


I KNOW THE MASTER'S PLAN IS TO ULTIMATELY LET YOU HAVE THE ENERGY ELEMENT, HERE. BUT I'M SURE HE WON'T BE TOO DISAPPOINTED...



...WHEN I SMASH YOU TO PIECES, MEGA MAN!

NOW, THEN-- LET'S SEE HOW THE LEGENDARY "BLUE BOMBER" DOES!



CLICK-
WHRRR

WHRRR-
CLUNK!

TOP MAN! I'VE COME FOR THE ENERGY ELEMENT YOU STOLE.*

WE DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT. RA MOON IS DEAD--HE WON'T CONTROL YOU ANYMORE.

PLEASE--LET'S SETTLE THIS PEACEFULLY. TELL ME WHY YOU WENT ROGUE. WE CAN FIND YOU A NEW PURPOSE ON EARTH, JUST LIKE DR. LIGHT INTENDED.

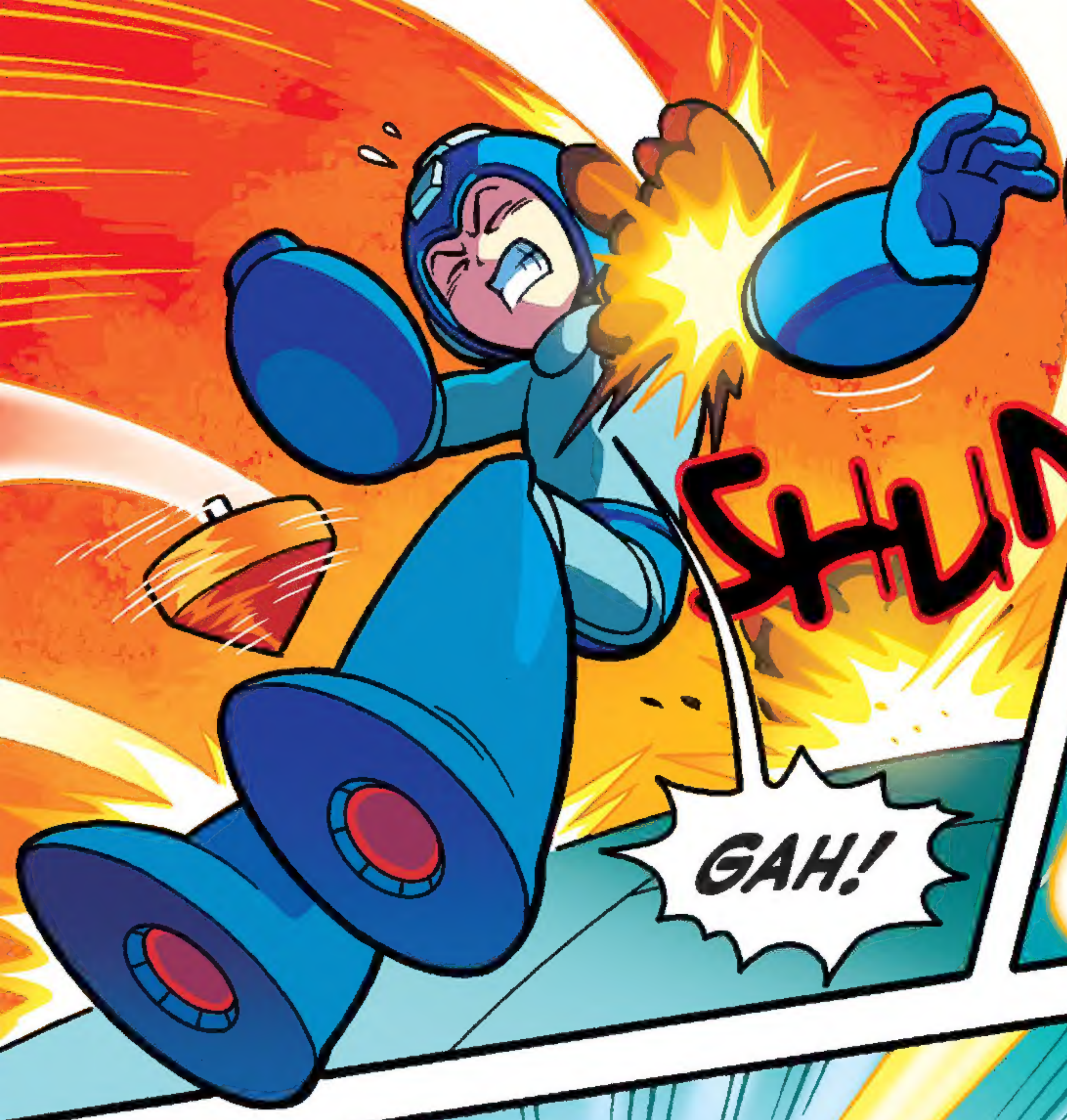
*MEGA MAN #36.

Y'KNOW, SO FAR YOU'VE DISAPPOINTED ME. I MEAN --YOU TOOK DOWN THE LIGHT NUMBERS? AND WILY'S FIRST LINE?

I DUNNO--I GUESS I WAS HOPING FOR MORE THAN SOME THUG KID WITH MORE FLAIR THAN "RUN FORWARD AND SHOOT."

WE'RE CENTER STAGE NOW, MEGA MAN! DON'T DISAPPOINT ME NOW!

LET'S DANCE !!!

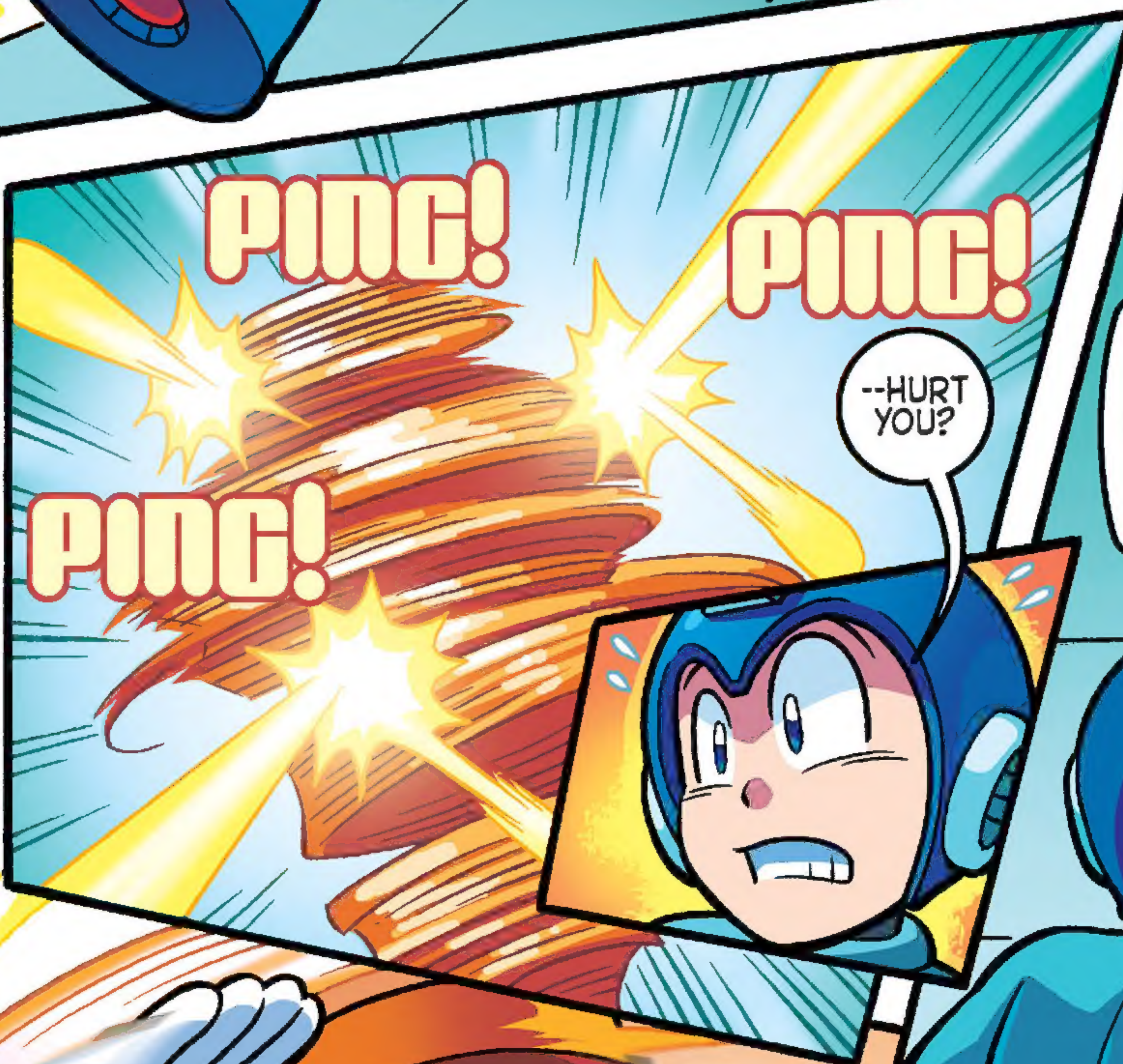


I'M GIVING YOU A CHANCE TO SURRENDER! DON'T MAKE ME--!

SHUNK!

BIAM!

GAH!



PING!

PING!

PING!

--HURT YOU?



AWWW, C'MON! *THIS* IS THE LEGENDARY BATTLE ROBOT? *THIS* IS HOW YOU BEAT ALL THE OTHERS?!



C'MON! SHOW ME SOME MOVES!



THAK!

BOOM!

BOOM!

**RUSH!
NOW!**

DON'T JUST
DODGE AND GLARE
AT ME! DO SOMETHING
UNIQUE!
SOMETHING UNPREDICTABLE!

WHAT--?!

CHOMP!



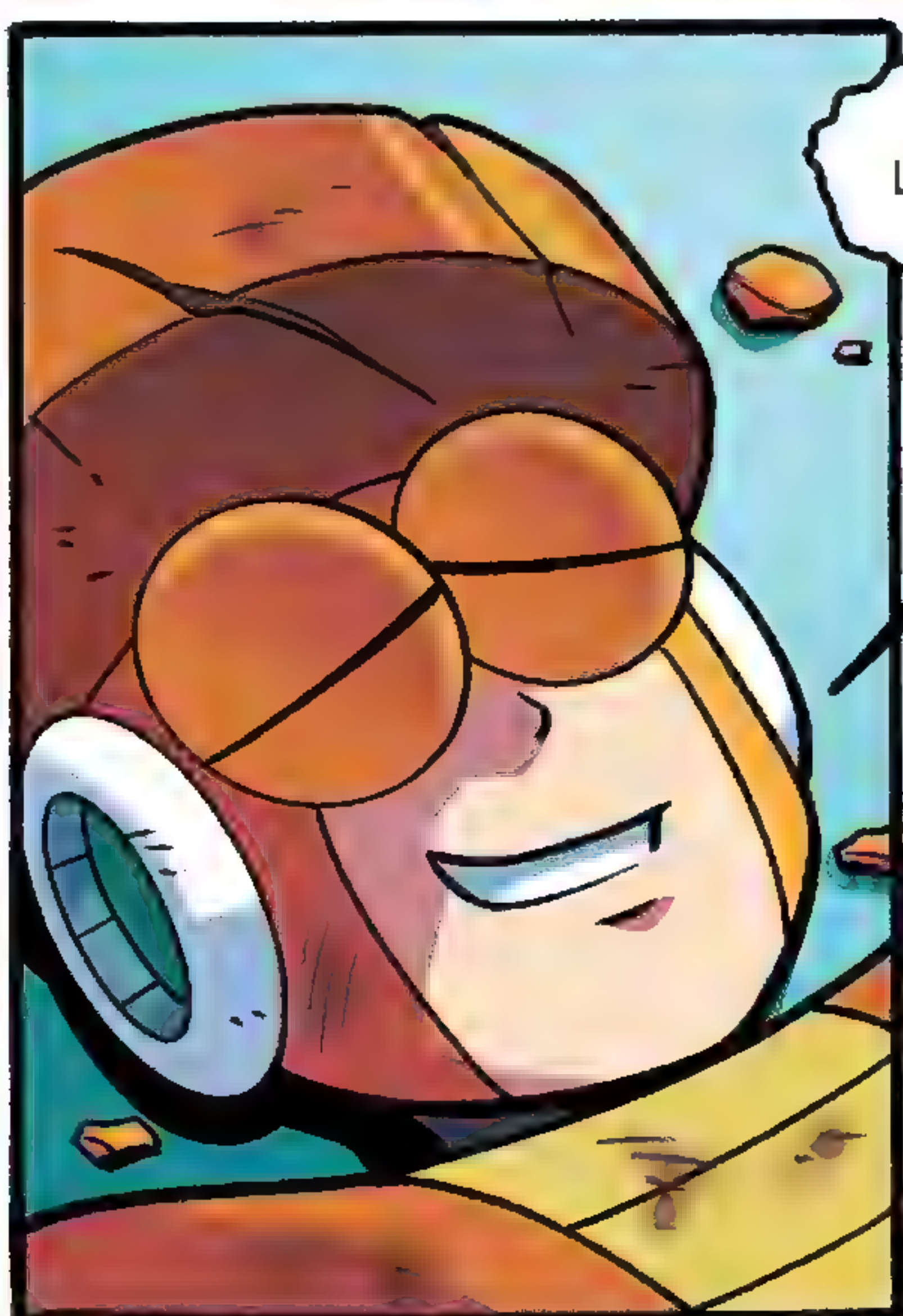
BLAM!

CLANG!



...I GET IT NOW...
THAT'S WHAT THEY
TRIED TO WARN ME
ABOUT...A *SIMPLE*
ELEGANCE...

...NOT FLASHY...
JUST BEAUTIFULLY
EFFICIENT...



...TRULY
LEGENDARY...





⇒SIGH⇒ MEGA MAN TO GROUND CONTROL. TOP MAN INSISTED ON FIGHTING, SO I HAD TO TAKE HIM DOWN.

I'M COPYING HIS WEAPON DATA, JUST IN CASE. I'M ALSO SECURING HIS I.C. CHIP.* MAYBE WHEN THIS IS OVER, WE CAN REBUILD HIM AND GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO BE HAPPY.

*SOURCE OF A ROBOT MASTER'S PERSONALITY.



I'M SORRY IT CAME TO THAT. I'M SEEING A DAMAGE REPORT, ARE YOU...?

MEGA MAN! SEND THE I.C. CHIP AND WEAPON DATA ALONG WITH THE ENERGY ELEMENT!



⇒AHEM⇒ SO WE CAN PROPERLY CATALOGUE IT! YOU CAN'T EXPECT HIM TO CARRY ALL THAT **AND** TRACK DOWN THE ROBOT MASTERS, CAN YOU?



I APPRECIATE THE OFFER, DR. WILY, BUT I DIDN'T COME PREPARED FOR THAT. THESE TELE-HARNESSES ARE MEANT TO SEND BACK ONLY THE ENERGY ELEMENTS.

I'D HATE IT IF THE I.C. CHIPS WERE DAMAGED OR CORRUPTED ALONG THE WAY.



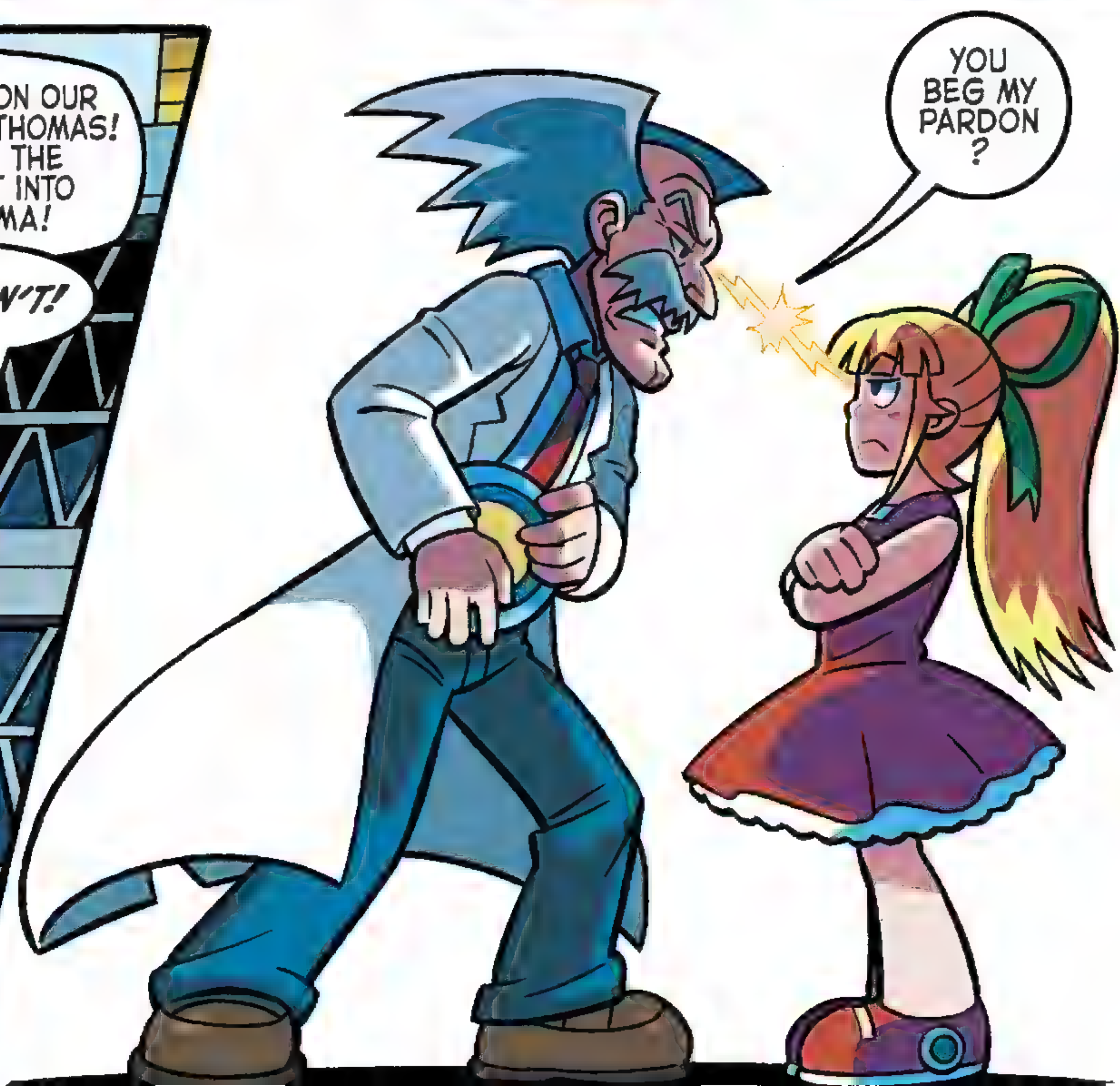
AND I'LL BE OKAY, DOCTOR LIGHT. I JUST NEED TO MAKE SOME REPAIRS BEFORE I MOVE ON.

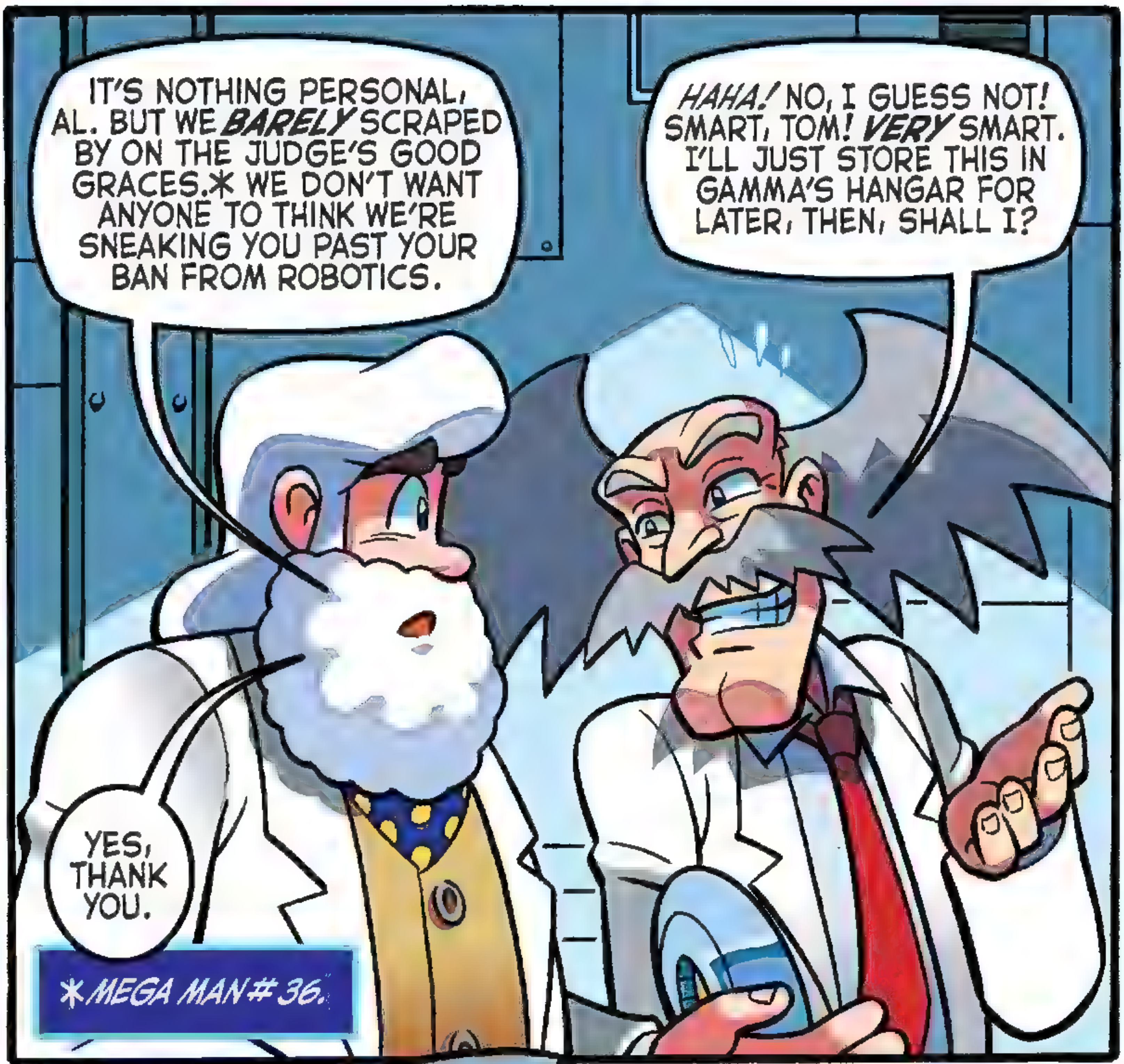
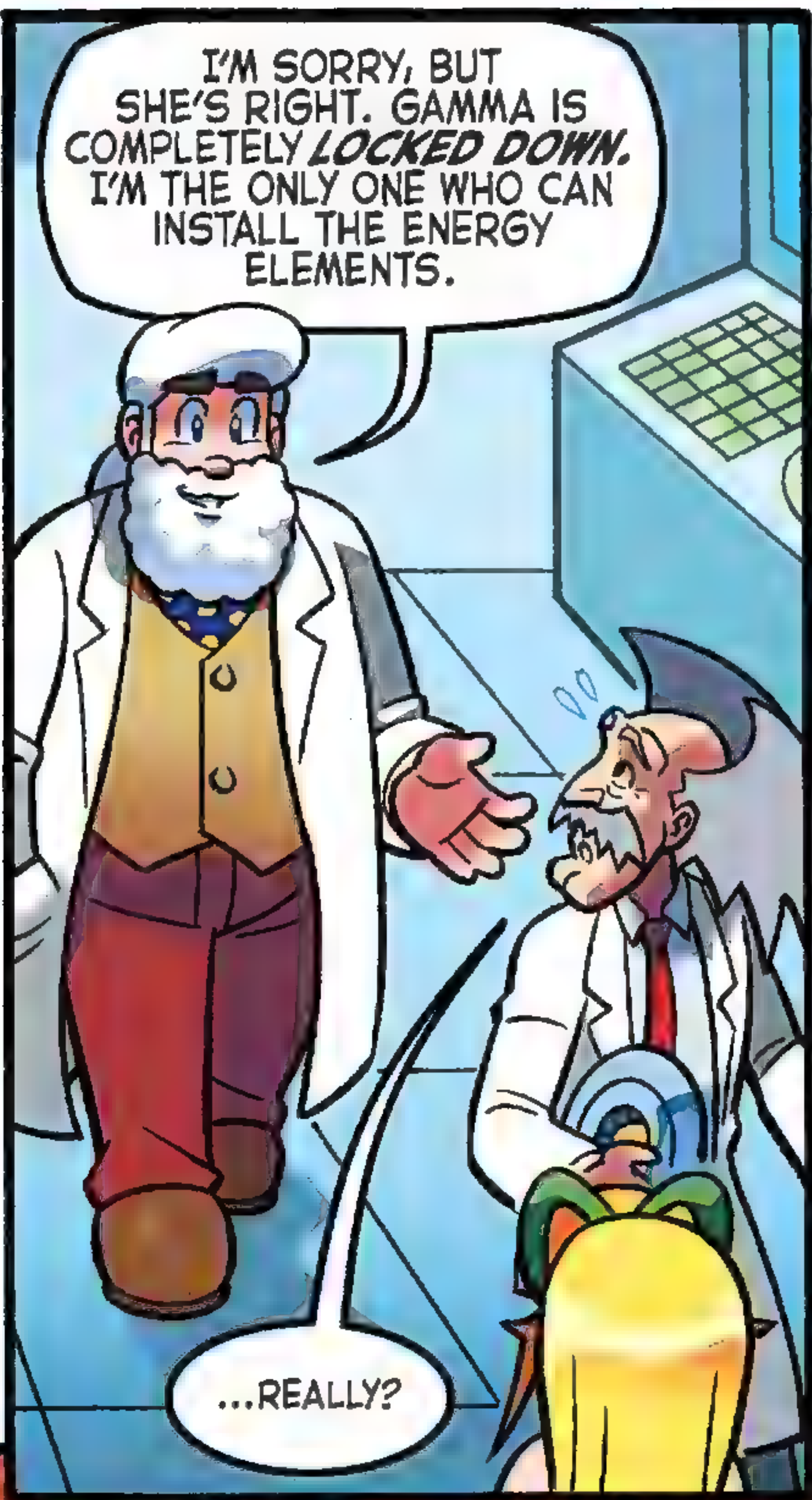


I'LL STORE THE I.C. CHIPS WITH THE REPAIR TOOLS IN RUSH AND KEEP HIM OUT OF THE FIGHTING.

WHIIIIINE?

WE'LL SEE HOW IT GOES, ALL RIGHT?





"I NEED TO STAY WITH DR. LIGHT AND HELP HIM WATCH OVER MEGA MAN."

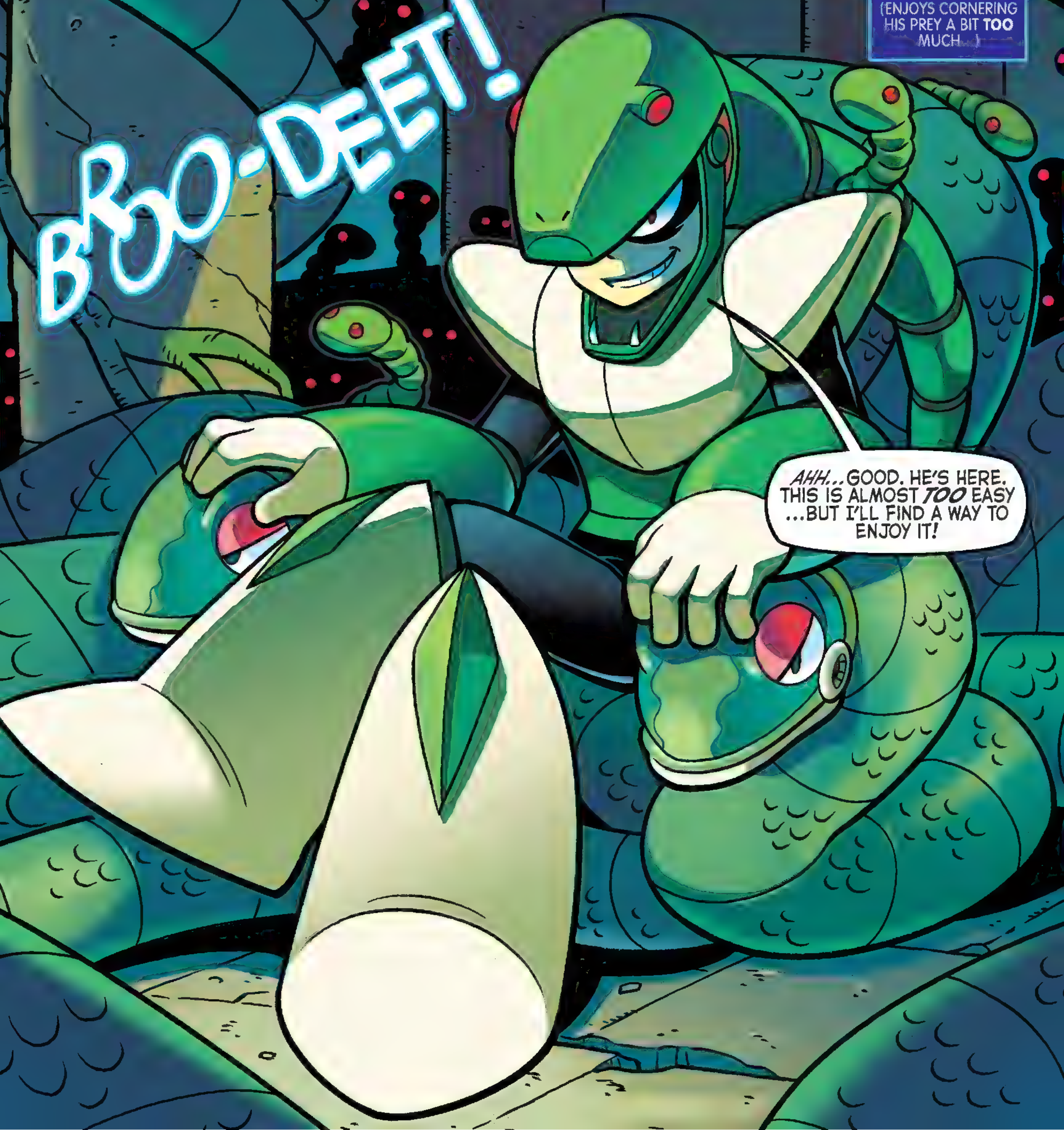
SOON--ON AN ABANDONED MINING ASTEROID.



DWN-022
SEARCH, SEEK AND SPYING ROBOT MASTER

(ENJOYS CORNERING HIS PREY A BIT TOO MUCH.)

BOO-DEET!



AHH... GOOD. HE'S HERE. THIS IS ALMOST TOO EASY ...BUT I'LL FIND A WAY TO ENJOY IT!

"SO NAIVE, SO...
UNAWARE."

"I HAVE HUNTED
YOU BEFORE,
MEGA MAN.
FRANKLY, I WASN'T
IMPRESSED."

BIAM!

"THERE'S ALMOST
NO SPORT IN
TRACKING YOU
DOWN."

BOOM!
BOOM!

"WHEN WILY
GAVE US OUR
ORDERS,
MANY OF MY
BROTHERS
WERE... CON-
CERNED."

"HE BEAT SIXTEEN
OTHER ROBOT
MASTERS!" THEY
SAID."

"HE KILLED RA
MOON!" THEY
SAID."

"YOU HAD ME
PINNED TO A WALL,
DISABLED, AND YOU
STILL RAN AWAY--
SCARED.*"

* SEE MEGA MAN #31
FOR THE EPIC SHOWDOWN!

"HMM...LET'S
PLAY WITH THAT
FEAR, SHALL WE?"

HELLO, MEGA MAN. YOU SHOULD HURRY.

"YES, YOU CAN COPY OUR WEAPON DATA. YES, YOU'VE HAD AN INEXPLICABLE NUMBER OF VICTORIES..."

"... THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT HE'S A LITTLE BOY PLAYING AT WAR."

...SHOULD HURRY. IT WOULD BE A SHAME IF THE ENERGY ELEMENT SHATTERED. ALL YOUR FATHER'S WORK, ALL YOUR FIGHTING--FOR NOTHING!

N-NO! DON'T! FORGET THE SNAKES, RUSH, WE NEED TO--!

CHOMP!

GRRR!

"DOCTOR LIGHT MAY HAVE PUT A BUSTER ON THE CHILD'S ARM..."

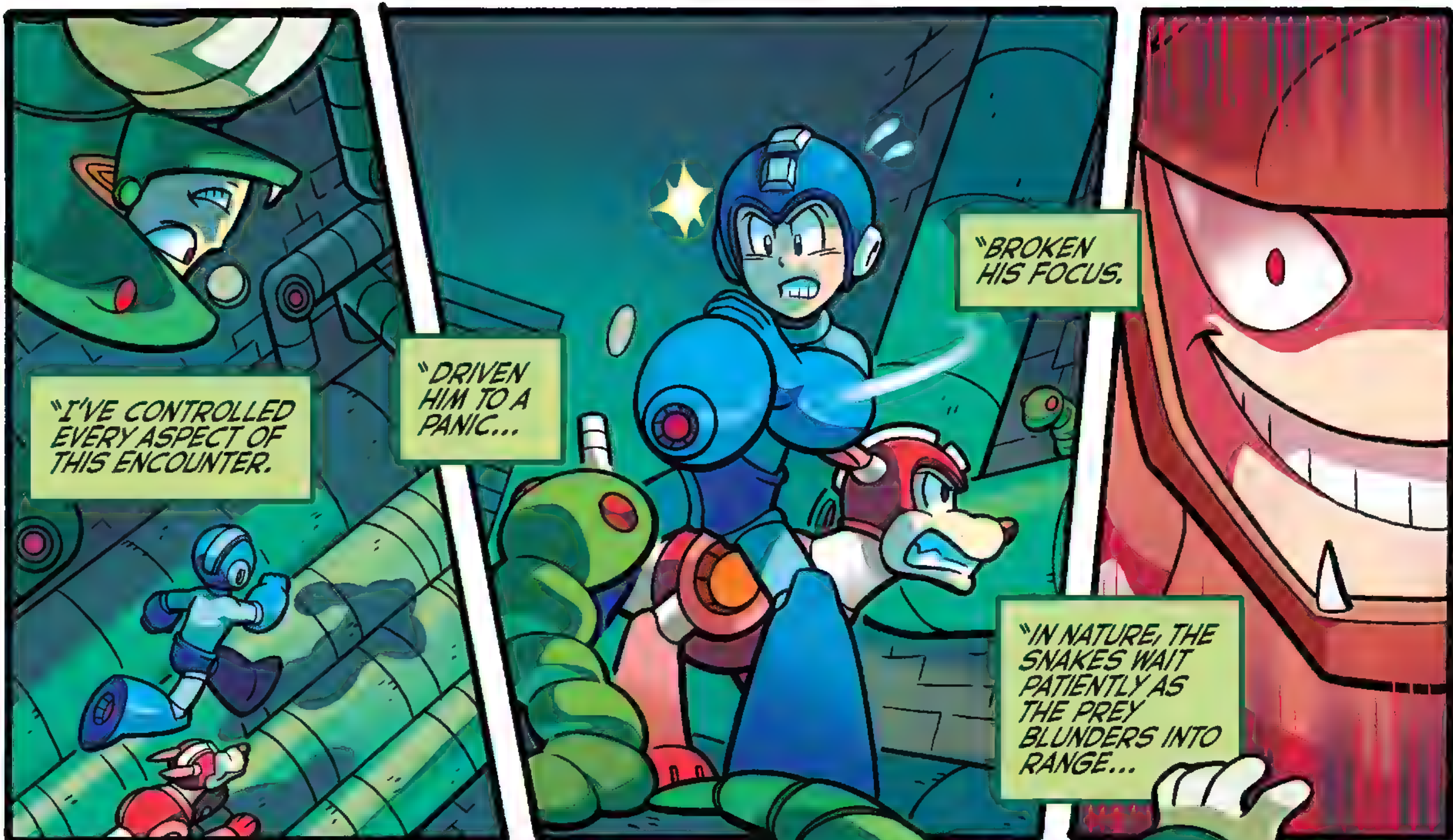
BIAM!
BIAM!
BIAM!

"... BUT THE FOOL LEFT THE CHILDISH COMPASSION INTACT!"

HANG. BACK.

"I'VE TOYED WITH HIM ENOUGH. IT'S TIME TO END THIS FARCE."

YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF IMPORTANT STUFF IN YOU. MORE IMPORTANTLY--I DON'T WANT YOU TO GET HURT!



"I'VE CONTROLLED EVERY ASPECT OF THIS ENCOUNTER."

"DRIVEN HIM TO A PANIC..."

"BROKEN HIS FOCUS."

"IN NATURE, THE SNAKES WAIT PATIENTLY AS THE PREY BLUNDERS INTO RANGE..."

"...AND THEN THEY STRIKE!"

SH-KING!

"THE SNAKES OF NATURE COIL AROUND THEIR PREY..."

"...AND CRUSH THE LIFE OUT OF THEM!"



"AND IN NATURE, THE SNAKES--"



WEAPON EQUIP:
TOP SPIN!



"--THE SNAKES..."

"SO HE ALREADY DEFEATED
TOP MAN--SO WHAT?"

"HE WAS THE WEAKEST OF
US! ANYONE COULD'VE
TAKEN TOP MAN OUT!"

"I STILL
CONTROL THE
SCENARIO! I
HAVE FROM
THE START!"

"MEGA MAN DIES!"

"HERE!"

"NOW!"

SLAM!





"NO! I--!"



AUGH!
BLAM!



"...I...!"

"...I WAS THE FOOL, FROM THE VERY BEGINNING."

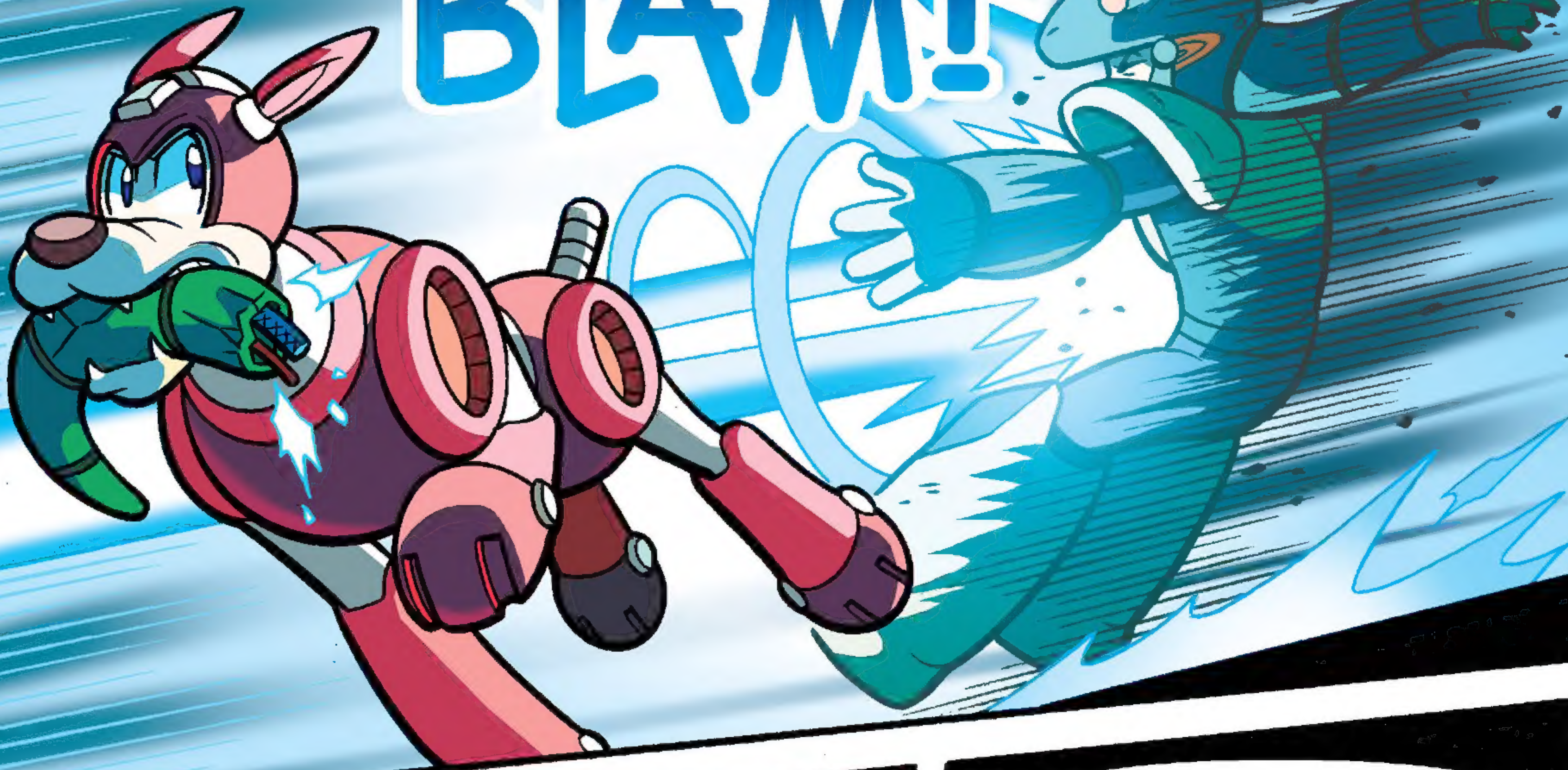


"I WAS NEVER THE HUNTER HERE..."



"...I WAS THE HUNTED!"

BLAM!



YEAH-YEAH, I KNOW. WE MAKE A GREAT TEAM. JUST MAKE SURE THE I.C. CHIPS WE COLLECT STAY INTACT.



MEGA MAN, THIS IS GROUND CONTROL! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? I'M SHOWING A MASSIVE POWER DRAIN!

I'M... I'M OKAY, DR. LIGHT. I'LL SEND YOU THE NEXT ENERGY ELEMENT IN A MOMENT...

...WHICH I BARELY GOT FROM SNAKE MAN IN TIME, OR WAS IT A BLUFF?

THAT'S ONLY TWO OF THE ROGUE ROBOT MASTERS DOWN. I'VE STILL GOT SIX TO GO--AND THERE'S NO EXTRA HELP OUT HERE IN SPACE!

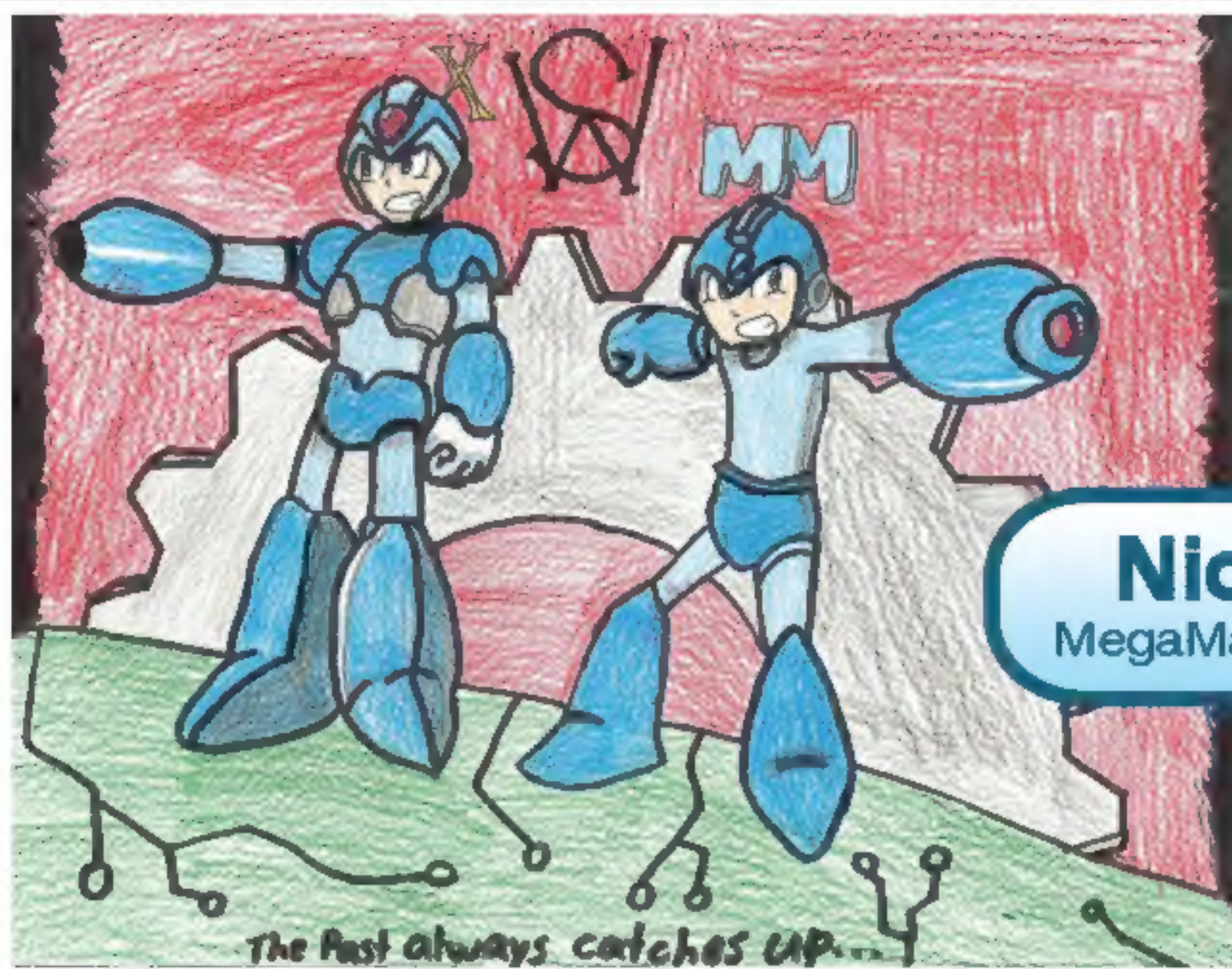
THE HUNT FOR THE **ROBOT MASTERS** ISN'T OVER!
CAN *MEGA MAN* COMPLETE HIS MISSION?
CAN HE MAKE IT HOME IN *ONE PIECE*?!
AND WHAT IS *DR. WILY* PLOTTING FROM *THE SHADOWS*?

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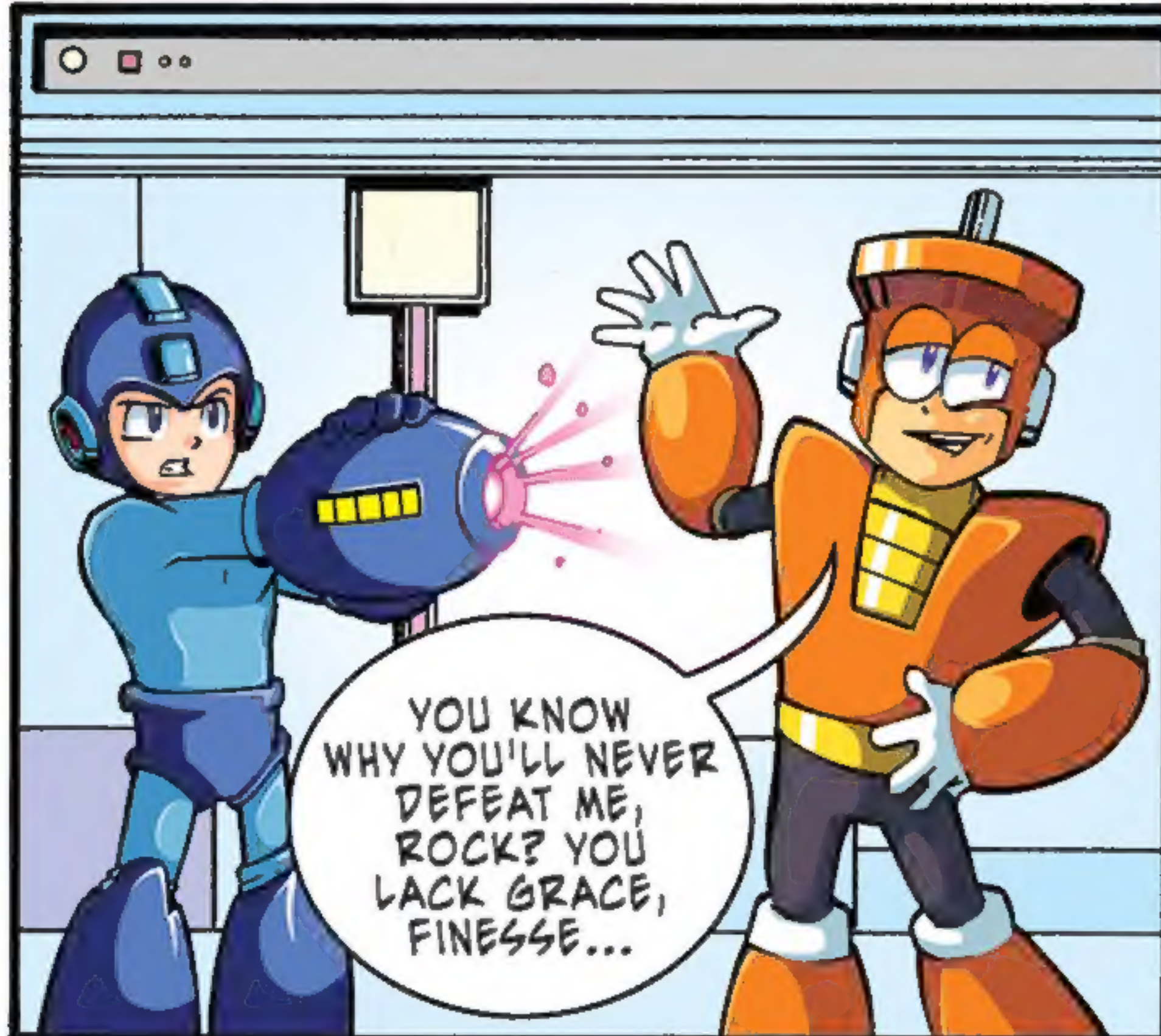
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Dear Mega-Mail,
Let me start off with this: these comics are awesome! They're actually what got me into the Mega Man series! Keep up the good work!

Hello! That's Mega-great to hear!

My favorite comic so far is #17. I loved the scenes with no dialogue, and the overall backstory was incredibly well done, even though I wanted to bang my head against a wall since Blues wouldn't go back home. And please tell Blues this: If you do not go to Light Labs soon, I will find you and drag you there myself!

Sincerely,
Sarah S. sent to
MegaMan@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for the letter, Sarah! Blues sure is stubborn! Now that he's allied himself with Dr. Wily, there's no telling what could happen next!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I really loved Mega Man #38 because it really fleshed out X as a 'bot who cared for men and androids.

We're eager to dive further into the X story and its characters!

Let us know if you would like to see more of the X universe in your fan-letters!

When Xander Payne was time-traveling you could really tell that he was afraid of Mega Man, the Robot Masters and their creators.

Xander can't stand technology that can think for itself. He won't rest until he's shut down all advanced robotics once and for all, even if that means using the technology he hates to his advantage!

What is that thing-a-majig Dr. Cain was holding in Dr. Wily's Lab. And can I be Pharaoh-Man's #1 fan?!

Nathan G. sent to
MegaMan@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for writing in, Nathan! If you haven't read the whole story yet it may be better if I keep that for you to find out by reading Mega Man #40! I now gladly appoint you as Pharaoh Man's #1 fan!

Dear Mega-Mail,
Hi there! I've been busy catching up with all of the Mega Man comics so far and I am incredibly impressed. Fans continually

praise your respect for the series and its characters and I second that! It's so refreshing to see content which doesn't simply re-tell the games but adds a rich backstory and universe on top of them. The character development is top notch as well -- I find myself loving and hating Dr. Wily simultaneously, he's taken self absorption and scheming to new heights!

Haha! I totally get that!

The character I'm most impressed with is Proto Man -- the origin story and issue #35 in particular were done exceptionally well and I wanted to thank you for creating such a wonderful story with such a tragic and complex character! Keep up the great work!

Regards,
Raj D. sent to
MegaMan@ArchieComics.com

Thank you for the praise, Raj! We appreciate your kind words and hope you enjoy what's yet to come!

We'll see y'all next time for more "Legends of the Blue Bomber"!



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